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**IOWA STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM BOARD MEETING**

**Meeting.** The Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications Systems Board (ISICSB) met July 14, 2016, at the West Des Moines City Hall. Significant agenda items included:

**Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) Report.** Coordinator Craig Allen reported:

- Webinars have been held on general information and technical applications.
- A user group meeting has been scheduled for July 28 and will bring practitioners from other states in Iowa to help determine best practices.
- FirstNet activities include Regional Interoperable Committees (RICs) identifying individuals throughout the state who will be utilizing FirstNet and need to be involved in the education process.
- The Detailed Design Review (DDR) from Motorola is scheduled for October.
- There are two new board members: David Ness of the Des Moines Police Department and Denise Pavlik of the Scott County Emergency Communication Center.

**Deputy SWIC Report.** Deputy SWIC Helen Troyanovich reported:

- At the federal level, they are working on creating a public communications user group and looking for input from a lot of different areas.
- There are weekly meetings to capture stakeholder information and identify potential gaps.
- FirstNet outreach includes establishing launching a program for Wifi Internet for School Emergencies (WISE).
- RIC chair vacancies in regions 3, 5, and 6 have posed challenges. Regions 1, 2, and 4 meet regularly.
- Work is currently being done on a Chasm Next Generation presentation for the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department (HSEMD) conference in October.

**E911 Council Report.** E911 Fund Administrator Blake DeRouchey reported on several items:

- The vendor contract to conduct the Statewide Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) consolidation study, as mandated by the General Assembly, will be signed yet this week. This study is due to the Legislature by January 15, 2017. Participation by the individual PSAPs is encouraged when work on the study begins in August.
- The HSEMD has hosted four webinars for local PSAP individuals to educate them on the recent law changes contained in [HF 2439](#) and [SF 2326](#).

**User Group Committee.** There will be a User Group Committee meeting at the Oren Pape Building in Des Moines on July 28. One of the items to consider is the application to ISICS by Dallas County. Currently, there are more questions than answers in regards to the consolidation grants. Technical consultation needs to be done to determine what technical information needs to be submitted.

**Finance Committee.** There is \$1.16 million remaining in the initial federal grant. The Iowa Communications Network (ICN) has not submitted a bill since October. It is expected that amount will be approximately \$125,000. Communication has been undertaken with the ICN to ensure timelier billing in FY 2017. There is \$175,000 remaining in the State General Fund FY 2016 appropriation, with an additional \$154,600 appropriated for FY 2017. The Finance Committee ensured that the Connect Iowa Contract is an hourly-based contract and then recommended approval. The Board approved this item contingent on the Attorney General's approval.

**Governance Committee.** A document outlining the need for additional resources to address the ISICS application process was discussed. There is a need to be able to deliver services in a timely way.

**Operations Committee.** It was moved and approved that a used truck be purchased from the Department of Transportation vehicle auction to be located with the Strategic Technical Response trailer. A checklist for regular maintenance and monitoring of the truck and trailers is being developed.

**FirstNet Outreach.** FirstNet outreach is being continued to the counties. The website is being worked on as there have been issues with billing, support, and maintenance of the site through the state's Chief Information Officer.

**Technology Committee.** The Technology Committee has been reviewing the Minnesota field operations guide to see if Iowa had any updates that should be incorporated. The Iowa field operations guide is being developed; information is still being gathered from fire and EMS sectors. Also, it is hoped that ISICS P25 fleet mapping will progress as the DDR talks continue.

**FirstNet Broadband.** It will be fall 2016 before the federal government chooses a nationwide vendor. Once that is done, the state of Iowa will be able to have discussions of whether to opt in or opt out of the national system. There is an Interconnects forum on August 2 where some of the technology for the Land Mobile Radio system and body cameras will be demonstrated. There is also a public-private partnership committee meeting on August 25.

**Other Reports.** Motorola representatives provided an update and stated that Core 1 of 3 is operational. Westcom is now on the ISICS platform, as well as Des Moines dispatch. By the end of December, Motorola is planning on getting into the construction phase. SWIC Allen commented that Motorola needs to provide confirmed dates on when items will be completed.

**New Business.**

- County outreach is being developed at the second level now, including understanding county demand and making sure the counties are getting new FirstNet information including Quality of Service, Priority, and Preemption Overview (QPP).
- The third level of outreach will include decision making on whether to opt in or opt out of the national platform. The fourth level will incorporate what the state plan for Iowa will be.

**Next Meeting.** The next Council meeting is August 11, 2016, at the West Des Moines City Hall.

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